



REMEMBER WHEN GENEVA SITE LOOKED LIKE THIS? It's been said that Geneva Steel Plant was born in a pasture...and the statement isn't too farfetched. This rare photograph, looking easterly, was taken June 28, 1939 on the Ash Lane Dairy Farm of A.O. Stone and Sons at Vineyard, one of the properties purchased in 1942 by the Defense Plant Corporation of the U.S. Government for the

steel plant site. The four men at different points in the photo are, from left, A.O. Stone and three sons, A.G. Stone, Dal Stone, and Reed Stone. The large barn and other outbuildings in central part of picture belong to the dairy farm. The small building to the right is the old Vineyard Amusement Hall. Next is the Vineyard School and to its right is the Vineyard Chapel (rear view) which was taken

over for temporary offices when the plant was built. Mt. Timpanogos in background normally is well-covered with snow in June but the senior Mr. Stone recalls that 1939 was a particularly dry year. The Stone property originally was homesteaded by George Smoot, son of Abraham O. Smoot, early-day Provo mayor and stake president. Part of the

barn visible in the photo was built by A.O. Smoot in Provo and later moved to Vineyard. This same unit was moved by the Stones to Lehi when they sold their property to make way for the steel plant. Many other property owners also sold land to comprise the 1600-acre Geneva Works tract.

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